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WAR DEPARTMENT
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Military Intelligence Division, G-2

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SUBJECT: Loyalty and Fitness Investigations

TO: Director, Central Intelligence Group
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1. Reference is made to CIG Directive [REDACTED] and particularly to paragraph 10 thereof which requires the investigation by the War Department of personnel furnished by the War Department to the Central Intelligence Group.

2. The provisions of the cited directive are such as to require a rather comprehensive investigation for the purpose of establishing not only the loyalty of the individuals concerned but also their fitness for the positions for which they are contemplated. This entails the employment of considerable manpower both for making the inquiries and also for the clerical work incident to the preparation of reports.

3. The War Department has found it necessary to curtail drastically all routine type loyalty and fitness investigations. This has been necessitated by personnel reductions not only within the Intelligence Division but also within the operating intelligence offices of the army areas and the Military District of Washington. This latter aspect is of particular importance since it is these subordinate agencies that have to do the actual detailed work. This subject of loyalty investigations was discussed very recently with the Assistant Chiefs of Staff, G-2 of the army areas and the Military District of Washington. It was the consensus that investigations of this type could not be continued. It is true that the volume of investigations required by the Central Intelligence Group is not excessive but they are of the same nature as the great number of equally important investigations that are being discontinued.

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4. It is regretted that it will not be practicable to comply with the provisions of CIG Directive [REDACTED]

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